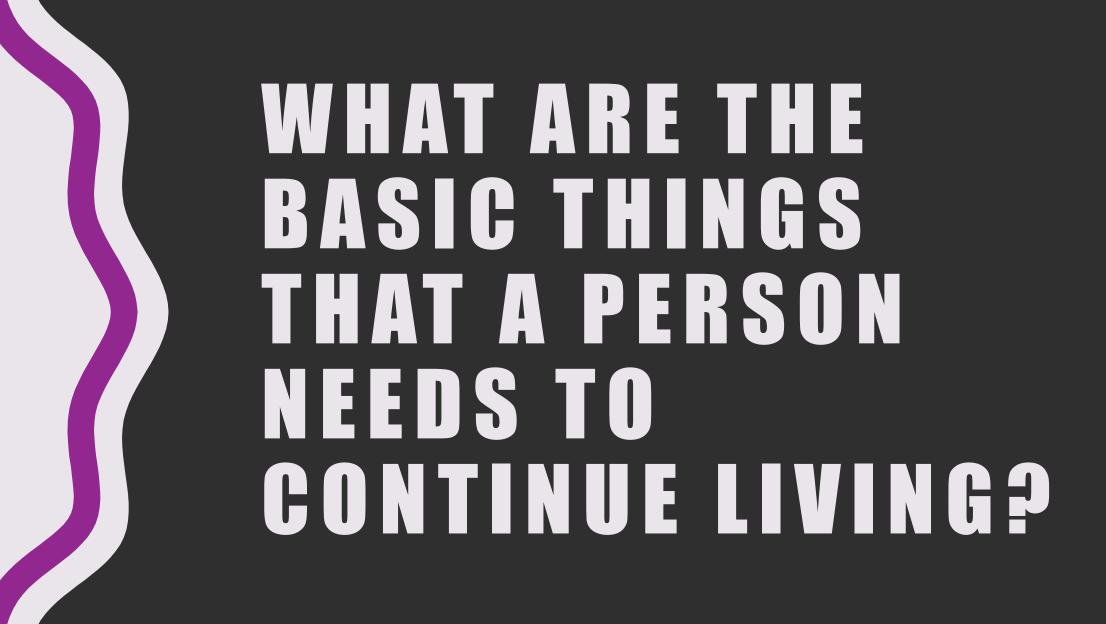
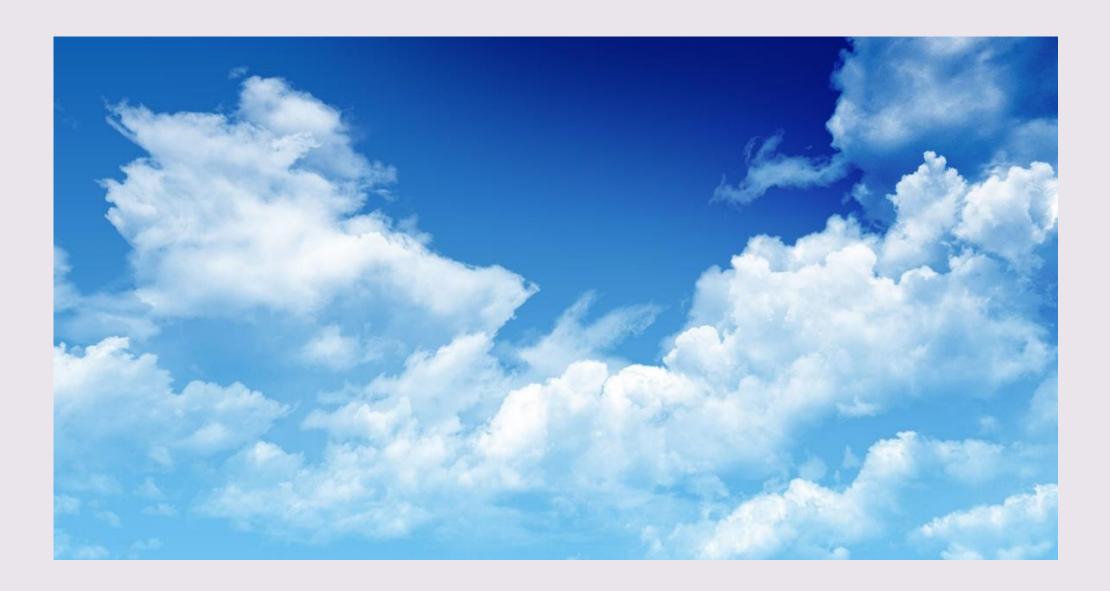
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WHERE IS SHELTER? WHAT IS SHELTER?











1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you visited any castles or palaces in your country? Which are the most famous ones? Why?
- 2 Do you recognise the palace in the photo? What do you know about it?



2 Cover the fact file. Discuss and try to guess the answers to the quiz about Buckingham Palace. How many ... 1 ... rooms are there? **b** 542 c 775 **a** 263 2 ... people work there? **b** over 800 a over 600 c over 1,000 3 ... clocks are there? **b** 250 **a** 150 **c** 350 4 ... guests are entertained there every year? c over 100,000 a over 10,000 **b** over 50,000 5 ... people can have dinner together? c 600 **b** 370 a 150 6 ... times has the Palace been broken into? c 12 a none

3 Read the fact file and check your answers to exercises 1 and 2.
What do you think is the most interesting or surprising fact?

Buckingham Palace

- Buckingham Palace is the Queen's official London residence, but she doesn't own it. It belongs to the state.
- The first monarch to use Buckingham Palace as her official residence was Queen Victoria, who moved there in 1837.
- Buckingham Palace is like a small town it has a chapel, post office, swimming pool, staff cafeteria, doctor's surgery, cinema and police station.
- It has seven hundred and seventy-five rooms. Fifty-two are Royal and guest bedrooms and seventy-eight are bathrooms. There are one hundred and eighty-eight bedrooms for the staff.
- There are secret tunnels under the streets of London, connecting the Palace to the Houses of Parliament.
- The gardens are huge sixteen hectares and include tennis courts, a lake and a helicopter landing area. There are thirty species of birds and three hundred and fifty species of wild flowers; some of them are very rare indeed.
- Over eight hundred people work at the palace, including two people who work full-time to look after the palace's three hundred and fifty clocks!
- The Queen has over fifty thousand guests each year at lunches, dinners, receptions and parties. The kitchens are able to serve a sit-down dinner for six hundred people at one time.
- Hundreds of famous people have visited the palace, including Mozart, J. F. Kennedy, Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, and Mahatma Gandhi – in his loincloth and sandals!
- * The palace has been broken into on at least six occasions.

 Teenager Edward Jones broke in three times between 1838 and 1841 and stole some of Queen Victoria's underwear!

 Michael Fagin broke in in 1992 and went to Queen Elizabeth's bedroom, where he woke her up before he was arrested.



2 WHEN DID THE PALACE BECOME THE HOME OF A RULING MONARCH?

3 WHERE DO THE SECRET TUNNELS LEAD?

4 WHAT DID EDWARD JONES STEAL FROM QUEEN VICTORIA?

























4 (24.09) Listen to a radio programme. Complete the information about the Queen's residences. Use the places below in the first column.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Edinburgh, Scotland the Highlands, Scotland London, England near London, England Norfolk, England

Royal Residence	Location	Private or state-owned?
Buckingham Palace		
Windsor Castle		
Sandringham House		
Balmoral Castle		
Holyrood Palace		
Hillsborough Castle		

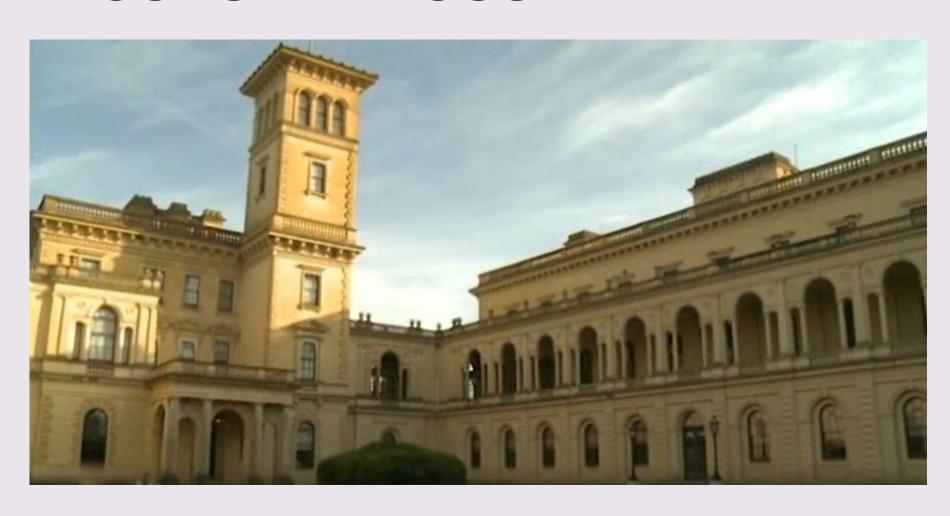
2	Once a week she has a meeting with with the British		
3	The Queen usually spends	at Windsor Castle	
	Windsor Castle has been a royal home since		
5	The Royal Family spend	_ at Sandringham	
	House.		
6	Sandringham House was damaged in the First		
7	The Queen spends the	_ in Scotland.	
	Queen Victoria bought Balmoral because she really liked		
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6 SPEAKING Discuss these questions in pairs. Give reasons for your opinions.

- 1 What do you think about Queen Elizabeth's way of life? Would you enjoy being king or queen? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Do you think it is right that one family should have so many places to live?
- 3 What would your ideal house be like?



DO YOU REMEMBER QUEEN VICTORIA AND OSBORNE HOUSE?



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